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The U.S. set a record for the amount of natural gas drawn out of storage last week.

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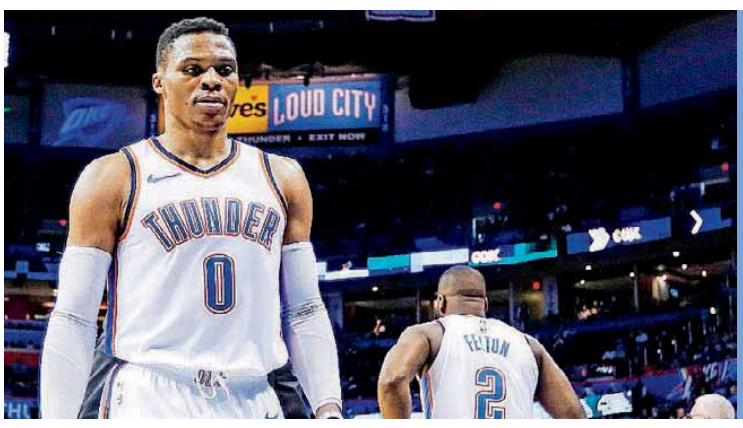

Court marshals

The player-official struggle raged on with Westbrook's ejection Monday night.

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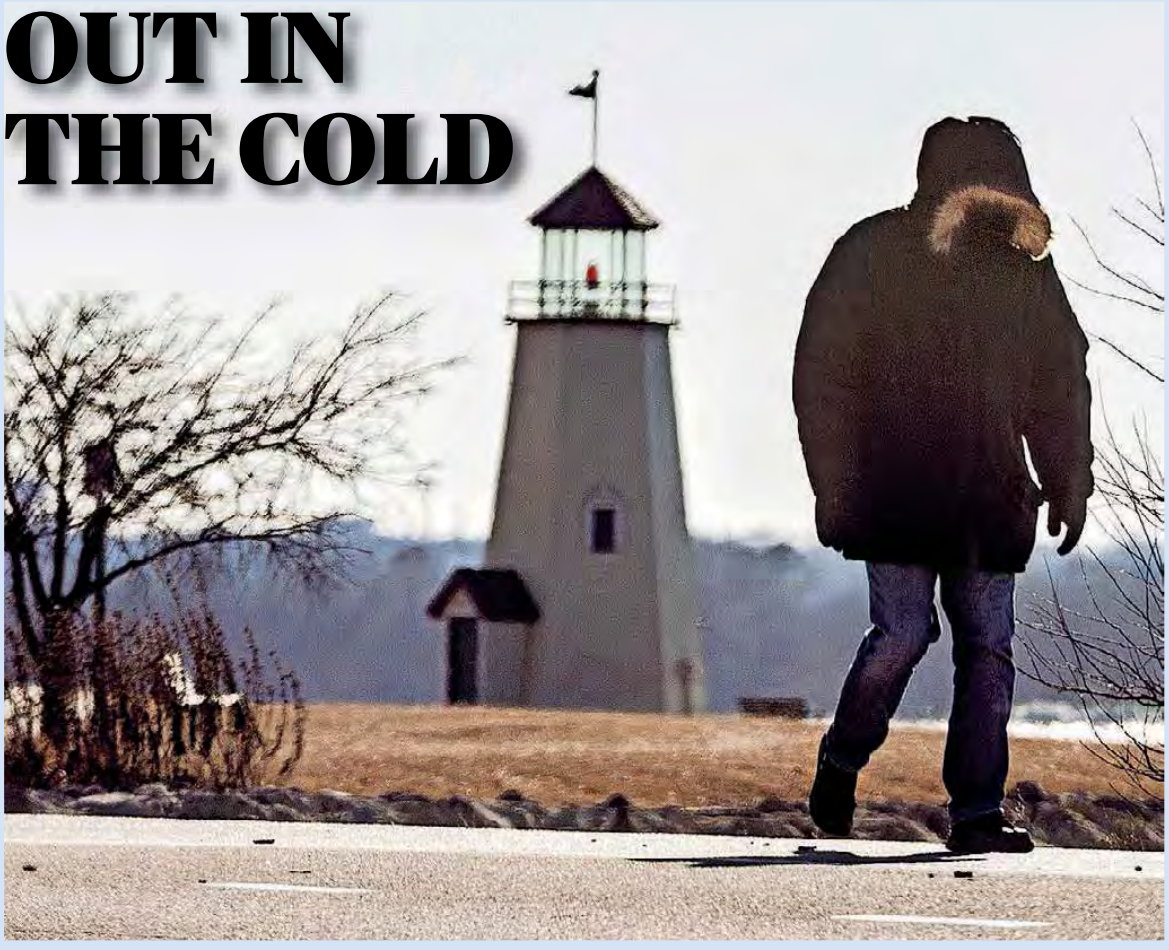

A person bundles up to brave the cold Tuesday while on a walk around Lake Hefner in Oklahoma City. [PHOTO BY CHRIS LANDSBERGER, THE OKLAHOMAN]

Weather prompts some EMSA calls

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Oklahoma felt like a deep freezer Tuesday after a powerful cold front swept into the state Monday night, bringing temperatures down to the single digits.

Frigid temperatures throughout the metro area over the past week have led to a number of cold-related calls, officials from Emergency Medical Services Authority report.

Since Jan. 9, paramedics have responded to three hypothermia calls in Oklahoma City, said Lara O'Leary, a spokeswoman for the ambulance authority. The number of hypothermia calls is not indicative of the total number of cold weather calls, she said.

SEE COLD, 2A

Students walk to class Tuesday in frigid temperatures on the campus of the University of Oklahoma in Norman. [PHOTO BY STEVE SISNEY, THE OKLAHOMAN]

After removing his gloves, this man places his warm hands on a friend's face Tuesday outside the EMBARK Metro Transit Center on NW 5 in downtown Oklahoma City. [PHOTO BY JIM BECKEL, THE OKLAHOMAN]

A duck floats on a cold pond in northwest Oklahoma City on Tuesday. [PHOTO BY SARAH PHIPPS, THE OKLAHOMAN]

Oil groups support Step Up Oklahoma

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Leaders of two Oklahoma oil and gas associations on Tuesday announced their support for a slate of reform and revenue measures advocated by a coalition of Oklahoma civic and business leaders called Step Up Oklahoma.

Tuesday's endorsements came from the board of directors of the Oklahoma Oil & Gas Association and the executive committee of the Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association.

SEE SUPPORT, 2A

Legislator finds tracker on pickup; OSBI investigating

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Rep. Mark McBride

MOORE — State Rep. Mark McBride had been told that he was being followed and he once saw somebody behind his home.

He said he already had alerted authorities about those concerns. And then, at a friend's urging, he decided last month to look underneath his truck.

There, he found a high-tech electronic tracking device.

"It was scary," he said Tuesday. "We already knew something was going on. We already had some things that were suspicious that happened. And, then, that."

The OSBI confirmed Tuesday its special agents are investigating "a threat" against McBride.

"Agents are currently running leads," the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation disclosed in a news release.

McBride, R-Moore, found the device underneath his truck Dec. 4. He filed an invasion of privacy lawsuit over the incident Dec. 22 and began legal steps to identify who was responsible.

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SEE TRACKER, 4A

I-40 shooter will never get out of prison, DA says

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ARAPAHO — A murderer unexpectedly pleaded guilty Tuesday to going on a deadly drunken shooting spree on Interstate 40 in western Oklahoma just days before Christmas in 2015.

Jeremy Doss Hardy, 38, agreed to spend the rest of his life in prison rather than risk getting a death sentence at trial for two random murders.

"We all walked out of the courtroom absolutely shocked," Caddo County District Attorney Jason Hicks said. "I never in a million years thought we'd walk in the courtroom and hear Jeremy Hardy say, 'Guilty,' but he did."

The plea came on the day jury selection for his trial was to begin in Custer County District Court.

Hardy had shown no remorse since an Oklahoma Highway Patrol trooper pulled him over early Dec. 17, 2015. He had even muttered to himself while alone in the

SEE SHOOTER, 2A

Jeremy Doss Hardy

TODAY'S PRAYER
Merciful God, You forgive sins and care for the injured: be with the victims of violence. Amen.

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